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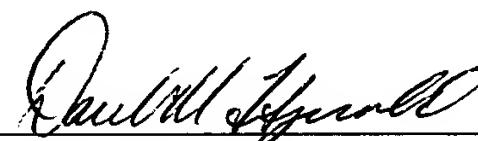
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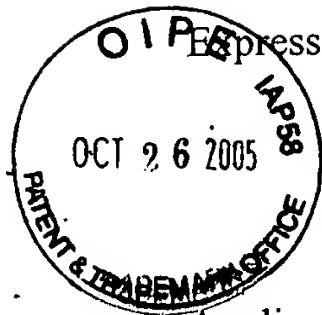
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**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

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Sir:

The following comments are in response to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance in the Notice of Allowability dated October 7, 2005.

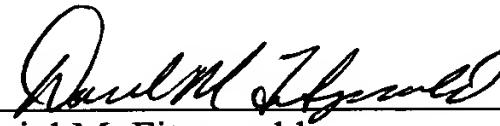
Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance because such statement may have unintentionally introduced some ambiguities in what was otherwise a very concise and thorough examination of the Claims of this patent application. The Examiner recites in the Reasons for Allowance what she believes is taught by references: "Customers go live with Oracle Applications Release 11<sup>th</sup>" from PR Newswire; Honarvar U.S. Patent No. 6,321,206; Building Data Mining Applications for CRM; Thearling U.S. Patent No. 6,240,411; and Strategic Database Marketing by Jackson et al. Applicants respectfully submit that Applicants do not necessarily agree with what the Examiner has recited as to what is taught by these references. Rather, Applicants believe the record as a whole should be considered.

The Examiner further notes in the Reasons for Allowance that none of the prior art of record, taken individually or in combination, teach "providing a plurality of risk models and marketing models, the marketing models including a net present value/profitability model, a prospect pool model, a net conversion model, an attrition model, a response model, a revolver model, a balance transfer model, and a reactivation model, embedding the models within a

targeting engine, determining a sequential order for combining the models, combining the models in the determined sequential order to generate market campaign data including a target group by defining an initial customer group that includes a list of customers satisfying each of the combined models and rank ordered by projected profitability.” While Applicants believe that the claims are allowable, Applicants do not acquiesce that patentability resides in these features recited in the Reasons for Allowance. Rather, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are allowable because the independent claims recite the above-noted recitation in combination with other recitations included in the independent claims.

Also, reasons for allowance are only warranted in instances in which the record of the prosecution as a whole does not make clear the Examiner's reasons for allowing a claim or claims (see 37 CFR §1.104(e)). In the present case, Applicants believe the record as a whole does make the reasons for allowance clear and therefore no statement by the Examiner is necessary or warranted.

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Sir:

Enclosed are Eight (8) Replacement Sheets of Formal Drawings for the above-identified patent application. No new matter has been added.

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